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CHAPELLE RESIGNS N. H. P. A. PRESIDENCY

To Whom It May Concern:

As many of you know, I accepted the position as President of the N.H.P.A. last year reluctantly—knowing that conditions could develop to prevent me finishing the full term of office.

Now, one year later, I find it impossible to continue in office any longer because of the demand on my time. One previous obligation I have demands two, three and as many as six nights a week.

My love for the horseshoe game prevents me from continuing in a position of responsibility that under the circumstances I cannot hope to do justice to the office. Therefore it is with a deep feeling of regret that I hereby tender my resignation as your President. At a future time I hope it will be my pleasure to again serve the game in some capacity, as well as the fine people that constitute its' followers.

At this time I wish to thank all those officers, committeemen, and others in a position of leadership who have cooperated with me so fully. I have received nothing but the best of cooperation at all times.

Please bear in mind that this decision was not brought about by any adverse circumstances or conditions pertaining to the horseshoe game but wholly by previous commitments.

*Sincerely,
Cletus Chapelle*

SANTA BARBARA, JULY 6, 1958 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SEMANA NAUTICA

Group One

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	7	0	271	360	75.3
Ray Arnold, Santa Barbara	5	2	277	454	61.0
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	5	2	237	406	58.4
Charles Merrell, Covina	4	3	260	432	60.2
Walter Krowel, Manhattan Beach	3	4	225	410	54.9
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park	2	5	203	392	51.5
Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario	2	5	202	392	51.5
Billy Crick, Los Angeles	0	7	95	302	31.4

Group Two

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	5	2	255	394	64.7
Ned Shaver, Whitter	5	2	279	434	64.3
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	5	2	266	446	59.9
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	5	2	216	424	50.9
Gunner Hansen, Baldwin Park	4	3	247	448	55.1
Fred Burkhart, San Gabriel	3	4	227	442	51.4
R. A. Long, Santa Paula	1	6	261	496	51.7
Norman Smith, Culver City	0	7	212	452	46.9

The top two from each group played a four man round robin to decide the championship.

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Jim Weeks	3	0	125	164	76.2
Homer Moefield	2	1	148	216	68.5
Ned Shaver	1	2	94	162	58.0
Ray Arnold	0	3	111	190	58.4

FERNANDO ISAIS WINS WORLD CROWN FOR EIGHTH TIME

Fernando Isais, Los Angeles cafe owner, regained the World ringer crown by dethroning Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado, defending champion, 50 to 33 in the final round of the tournament. He went thru the final flight with 13 straight wins. Allen finished second with 12 and 1, followed by Don Titcomb of Sunnysvale, Calif., last year's runner-up, in third place with 10 and 3.

Top Flight (Fourteen Men)

	W	L	Pts.	%
1. Fernando Isais, Calif.	13	0	661	84.3
2. Ted Allen, Colorado	12	1	651	85.2
3. Don Titcomb, Calif.	10	3	590	83.7
4. Clive Wahlin, Utah	8	5	565	79.7
5. Curtis Day, Indiana	7	6	579	78.8
6. Dave Baker, Missouri	7	6	561	78.1
7. Floyd Toole, Arkansas	7	6	530	76.8
8. Glen Anderson, Illinois	7	6	484	73.5
9. Louis Dean, Calif.	6	7	557	76.0
10. Robert West, Oregon	6	7	518	77.1
11. John Elkins, Missouri	4	9	412	70.2
12. Dale Dixon, Iowa	2	11	420	69.8
13. Roger Vogel, Illinois	2	11	387	66.4
14. Marines Tamboer, Kansas	FORFEIT			

Second Flight (Twelve Men)

	W	L	Pts.	%
1. Dean Brown, Calif.	9	2	486	77.1
2. Don McCance, Nebraska	9	2	485	77.6
3. Virgil Taylor, Indiana	9	2	468	73.7
4. Floyd Fowler, Indiana	8	3	460	74.0
5. Truman Standard, Illinois	7	4	415	73.1
6. Walter Horner, Indiana	7	4	413	70.6
7. Ronald Cherrier, Minnesota	4	7	429	73.9
8. Ralph Hall, Utah	4	7	376	69.5
9. James Weeks, Calif.	4	7	374	69.4
10. Hugh Galpin, Utah	3	8	332	69.0
11. Harry Page, Iowa	2	9	229	61.7
12. Contestant dropped out				

Third Flight (Ten Men)

	W	L	Pts.	%
1. Hugh Rogers, Iowa	8	1	349	73.0
2. C. W. Giles, Utah	7	2	327	66.5
3. Czar Marceovich, Calif.	6	3	327	69.3
4. Howard Robinson, Nebraska	6	3	326	61.2
5. Arvil Jennings, Utah	6	3	290	63.6
6. Nolan Benson, Utah	4	5	293	61.8
7. Nelson Vogel, Illinois	4	5	249	59.4
8. Robert Stevenson, Calif.	3	6	217	59.5
9. John Paxton, Iowa — Called home because of serious illness in family				
10. Contestant dropped out				

JUNIOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

In a two-game play-off, Billy Backer of Salt Lake City, Utah, put the bite on his brother Dick to take the Junior World's title. With the younger pitchers beginning to take a lively interest in the World tournament, the future of the game looks very promising. We should all encourage and support these young players in every way that we can because they will be our champions of tomorrow.

	W	L		W	L
1. Billy Backer, Utah	9	0	6. Jimmy Brady, Utah	4	5
2. Dick Backer, Utah	8	1	7. Sherman Harmer, Utah	3	6
3. Rodney Hilton, Utah	7	2	8. Dennis Andelin, Utah	2	7
4. Barry Chappelle, Oregon	6	3	9. Jim Giles, Utah	1	8
5. Denny Ohms, Utah	5	4	10. Stephen Andelin, Utah	0	9

LADIES WORLD'S TOURNAMENT

Vicki Chapelle of Portland, Oregon won the 1958 World's Women's tournament by defeating Katie Gregson of Crestline, California in the play-off on the final evening of the meet. Both Miss Chapelle and Mrs. Gregson are former titleholders. Miss Gertsie Lou Selby of Boulder, Colorado, last year's champion was unable to be present to defend her title.

Championship Play-off

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Vicki Chapelle, Oregon	2	0	84	138	60.9
Katie Gregson, Calif.	0	2	71	138	51.5
1. Vicki Chapelle, Oregon	4	0			
2. Katie Gregson, Calif.	3	1			
3. Janean Hilton, Utah	2	2			
4. Stella Louta, Washington	1	3			
5. LaVon Swarigen, Illinois	0	4			

CLASS "B", WORLD'S TOURNAMENT

By virtue of having more total points rather than games won, Gene Mendenhall of Noblesville, Indiana, emerged the winner in a four man play-off for the Class B division of the World's tournament. This part of the tournament was hampered by sunglare and strong winds which made pitching very uncertain. There were many new faces in this years' matches.

Final Round

	W	L	Pts.	%
1. Eugene Mendenhall, Indiana	2	1	145	59.5
2. Eino Tiilikanen, Colorado	2	1	135	60.0
3. Chas. Stephens, Florida	2	1	118	59.6
4. Earl Winston, Missouri	0	3	111	55.6

Group 1 — Semi-Finals

	W	L	Pts.	%
1. Earl Winston, Missouri	7	2	411	60.2
2. Eugene Mendenhall, Indiana	6	3	424	61.9
3. Carl Davis, Utah	6	3	424	59.5
4. Marvin Reheis, Kansas	5	4	404	62.5
5. Al DeVries, Calif.	5	4	387	53.9
6. Francis Winttrout, Washington	5	4	375	56.8
7. Waldo Hagy, Calif.	4	5	374	54.4
8. O. S. Plott, Louisiana	3	6	339	50.7
9. John Hagerman, Calif.	3	6	332	49.5
10. Wilson Hubbard, Florida	2	7	273	45.4

Group 2 — Semi-Finals

	W	L	Pts.	%
1. Chas. Stephens, Florida	9	0	460	60.0
2. Eino Tiilikanen, Colorado	7	2	450	60.7
3. Bill Higginbottom, Arkansas	7	2	424	57.7
4. Carl Moskalik, Calif.	6	3	412	57.1
5. Wayne Winston, Missouri	5	4	390	58.1
6. Fred Engel, Colorado	4	5	373	52.6
7. Denver Ford, Ohio	3	6	373	53.8
8. Byron Bowman, Utah	3	6	352	50.5
9. Earl Davis, Calif.	1	8	258	53.3
10. Burl Taylor, Indiana	0	9	269	47.4

ATTENTION — KANSAS PITCHERS

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Kansas association officers, the anticipated tournament at the Kansas Free Fair will not be held this season. Another tournament is being planned.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION NEWS

We have just completed the Northern California Class "B" tournament, it being played on June 21-22 on the Roeding Park courts. It was a double 8-man tournament with the top 3 men in each group meeting in a 6-man round robin play-off. The opening ceremonies were short and snappy. Fresno's new mayor the Hon. A. H. Selland welcomed the visitors and other citizens. Our little queen, Pamela Stewart, age 10 and her 3 maids of honor, Maxie Wilfong, Linda Hicks and little Shellee Rollins led the crowd in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The chaplain of the V.F.W. Post 9814 offered a short prayer. Mayor Selland tossed the golden horseshoe which he put right around the stake for a perfect ringer. Unfortunately Mr. Harvey Clear, Northern California tournament manager was unable to be present so Czar Marceovich took over his duties assisted by the "Major" and Les Sage, president of the Roeding club. James Wilfong "rode herd" on the four little queens and states "I never had a better assignment." That Saturday night we gave a big horseshoe party.

Only 5 games were played on Saturday with the remaining 2 games being played on Sunday morning. The 6-man round robin was played Sunday afternoon. Due to the absence of Ira Allen, Les Sage handled the P. A. microphone doing a splendid job. Following are the vital statistics.

Group 1			Group 2		
	W	L		W	L
J. Seymour, Golden Gate Club	7	0	C. Reed, Roeding Park Club	7	0
R. Cima, Roeding Park Club	6	1	E. Henderson, Walnut Creek Club ..	6	1
E. Davis, Mosswood Club	5	2	A. Alemeida, Vallejo Club	5	2
L. Martin, Vallejo Club	4	3	K. Ludlow, Roeding Park Club	3	4
G. Hoximeier, Vallejo Club	3	4	J. Ashton, Mosswood Club	3	4
G. Davis, Roeding Park Club	3	4	J. Roscoe, Roeding Park Club	2	5
R. Lambeth, Roeding Park Club	1	6	B. Lyons, Golden Gate Club	2	5
R. Hollander, Roeding Club	0	7	J. Wilfong, Roeding Park Club	0	7

Group 3			W	L
Earl Davis, Mosswood Club	4	1		
Jack Seymour, Golden Gate Club	3	2		
Carlos Reed, Roeding Park Club	2	3		
Rusty Cima, Roeding Park Club	2	3		
Al. Alemeida, Vallejo Club	2	3		
Elvis Henderson, Walnut Creek Club	1	4		

Trophies to first three places, others received cash

DON TITCOMB WINS ALEMEDA FAIR TOURNAMENT

Don Titcomb of Sunnyvale, California, swept through 11 games with an average of 80% without a loss to capture the Alameda County Fair tournament. It was held at Pleasanton, California on July 4th and 5th. There was \$500 in cash prizes divided with first place winner taking the lion's share of \$80.00 and twelfth place receiving \$25.00.

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Titcomb	11	0	80.0	Marceovich	5	6	60.6
Ira Allen	9	2	72.4	Mac Carty	4	7	61.8
Brownell	9	2	67.8	Moskalik	4	7	54.5
Weeks	7	4	68.5	Braun	2	9	55.8
Blexrude	7	4	64.6	Loucks	2	9	55.7
Stevenson	6	5	60.2	Davis	0	11	49.7

Our next event will be the Northern California Championship tournament at the Mosswood Park Club on August 31st and September 1st in Oakland. There will be 14 men making up the finals. Prize money totaling \$300 will be offered. Another event will be the thirteenth annual California State championship to be held at the Santa Clara Fair at San Jose on September 13th and 14th with a prize list of \$700 for 12 men. The entry fee for this meet will be \$2.00 per man.

INDIANA NEWCOMERS TOURNAMENT

Harley Campbell captured the Newcomers tourney from the original field of 108 players. Only new members and players who averaged under 50 percent ringers in last year's State Tourney are eligible for this meet which is designed to stimulate membership in the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A.

A 100 shoe qualifying round and round robins in four geographic centers, Geneva, Kokomo, Indianapolis and Frankfort preceded the finals at Highland Park in Kokomo.

Class A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Harley Campbell, Geneva	6	1	276	448	61.6
Gerald Cummings, Sheridan	5	2	284	452	62.2
Charlie Hanson, Russiaville	5	2	251	490	51.2
George Sales, Newcastle	4	3	250	434	57.6
Bill Merkel, Lafayette	4	3	219	424	51.6
Paul Snapp, Lafayette	3	4	229	436	52.5
Bob Rinard, Farmland	1	6	227	482	47.1
Oren Hollandback, Franklin	0	7	199	430	46.3

Class B

Roscoe Robinson, Parker	5	2	192	426	45.1
Claude Fewell, Kokomo	4	3	216	422	51.2
Marvin Chrisman, Connersville	4	3	205	428	47.9
Clinton Amyx, Connersville	4	3	201	432	46.5
Paul Tattman, Portland	4	3	200	434	46.1
Charles Snapp, Lafayette	4	3	198	434	45.6
Art Moore, Wabash	3	4	218	444	49.1
Joe Schilling, Lafayette	0	7	151	396	38.2

Class C

Jim Evans, Kokomo	8	1	215	480	44.8
Claude Barrett, Ridgeville	7	2	215	470	45.3
George Hinshaw, Modoc	6	2	188	380	49.9
Lester Crask, Noblesville	6	2	187	424	44.1
Neal Chasteen, Indianapolis	4	4	165	420	39.3
Bob Biddle, Indianapolis	3	5	114	378	30.2
Ray Soblotne, Kokomo	2	6	94	392	24.2
Bob Shipley, Frankfort	1	7	104	418	24.9
Jim Morris, Greentown	0	8		Forfeit	

Class D

Jack Hollowell, Ridgeville	3	0	59	190	31.1
John Thornburg, Parker	2	1	56	180	31.1
Mike Cody, Kokomo	1	2	48	216	20.0
Jim Huth, Kokomo	0	3	30	222	13.5

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ILLINOIAN PLANS OPEN TOURNAMENT ON SEPTEMBER 6-7

Plans are now being formulated to conduct an open horseshoe tournament at the Lincoln Park courts in Chicago, Illinois on the weekend of September 6th and 7th. If sufficient number of players indicate their willingness to attend, the plans will be carried through. The qualifying of 100 shoes in all classifications are to be pitched by each contestant Saturday, Sept. 6th. The entry fee will be \$5.00 per man. The prizes will be liberal and proportionate in all groups, with the winner of Class "A" receiving a beautiful trophy. All pitchers interested in competing in this tourney are to contact Mr. Martin T. Henney, 14 West Superior Street, Chicago 10, Illinois. By doing so, it can be determined how successful such a venture may be and to the advisability of holding it

OPEN MEET AT FORT GEORGE (NEW YORK) COURTS

The Fort George Club will stage an Open Tournament at Fort George Park, north of 193rd st. on Fort George Ave., Sunday, Sept. 14 starting at 1 P.M. Rain date Sept. 21. This annual classic will bring together "the cream of the crop" from the Metropolitan area and the Atlantic seaboard. Trophies will be awarded in Classes A, B, and C. A reception will follow the tournament in the clubrooms, with Pat Murray in charge.

HUGH ROGERS, IOWA TOSSER, WINS MID-WEST OPEN

Hugh Rogers, that genial and friendly fellow from Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a most happy fellow now by virtue of his winning the annual Mid-West Open tournament held on the Birdland Park courts, Des Moines, Iowa, on July 13. His string of 7 straight wins and no losses was also rewarded with a beautiful trophy. In the qualifying round, Harry Page of Waterloo and Dale Dixon, former champion, were tied with 244 points each. Winners in each class were presented trophies and other finalists received cash prizes.

Class A

	W	L
Hugh Rogeers, Cedar Falls	7	0
Harry Page, Waterloo, Iowa	6	1
Marion Lange, Bondurant, Iowa	4	3
Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa	3	4
Harold Shaw, Fairfield, Iowa	3	4
Paul Stockwell, St. Joseph, Mo.	2	5
K. C. Yohe, Falls City, Nebr.	2	5

Class B

Harold Hughes, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	6	2
Francis Rogers, Waverly, Iowa	6	2
John Paxton, Ottumwa, Iowa	5	2
Clarence Spier, Waverly, Iowa	5	2
Marvel Bean, Des Moines, Iowa	2	5
Chuck Bellings, Cedard Rapids, Iowa	2	5
Royce Gale, Des Moines, Iowa	2	5
Clint Burns, Falls City, Nebr.	0	7

Class C

John Weakland, Osceola, Iowa	7	0
Art Brown, Patterson, Iowa	5	2
Carl Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa	4	3
Cyril Walker, Dawson, Nebr.	4	3
Otho Casey, Des Moines, Iowa	4	3
Ray Cabin, St. Joseph, Mo.	3	4
Jim Wilkinson, Peru, Iowa	1	6
Alvin Strasil, Falls City, Nebr.	0	7

The Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Ass'n. will hold a Trophy — Picnic for its members at the close of the season at Birdland Park, Des Moines, Iowa on Sunday, Sept. 7th. There will be trophies for each class (3 or 4) and also there will be medals for the junior boys for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places who have a 1958 Hawkeye Junior Boys State & National Card.

HORSESHOE RAMBLINS' FROM CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NEW YORK

By JERRY CLARK

In Chautauqua County, Wally Lindstrom was champ for 6 or 7 years in the city (Jamestown, N. Y.) and county champ, also. Before him, Casimir Zawicki, Dunkirk, held sway. Wally won from him at Clymer in a 3-way tie about 1950. Last year Wally got tired of winning and a new champ appeared from Celoron — he has great possibilities, Jack Reed.

Standbys in the game hereabout are Pop and George Hale, Roy Gravink from Clymer, Dr. C. O. E. Lindbeck from Jamestown, Hallie Ehmke from Fredonia, George Burklund from Ross Mills, and Harold Rosean, the Court jester (Jamestown).

We were in the Doldrums for a while, the game kept alive by the devotion of the local firemen with Laverne Larson, the shark. The local taxpayers got sore at this (with a paid department). I can't understand it, but some people will always be dumb about horseshoes, having never experienced ringer mortis, just money-grubbing to support their families or some equally unnecessary occupation.

Pete Shiera, President, and Joe Cuoco secretly began building some solid foundations. We belong to the Falconer Rod & Gun Club, they gave us the land and lo and behold — 6 beautiful courts appeared — (like a beautiful sunset). There's no caste in this club — they all sneak to the horseshoe pitchers — makes us feel real good.

Larry Proudman finally was able to kick Pete out and is carrying the horseshoes for all of us now (including Pete).

Wally has been developing young and old players. Wally Lindstrom has been a great champ — a credit to the game. He's trying another turn now, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ I guess — and new shoes — somebody by the name of Ted Allen (never heard of him).

I also note that one of the issues of the Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest carried a poem dedicated to that fellow, Ted Allen.

INDIANA DIVISION OF THE N. H. P. A.

By Bob Pence

Curt Day of Indiana won the 3rd annual Midwest "Ringer Round Up" from a field of 88 players from eight states at Dornier Park in Frankfort, Ind. by defeating the Ohio champ, Harold Reno in a playoff game.

Day also took high qualifying honors and lost his first and last games to Bud Horner, Florida champion, and teammate Ed Sharp respectively while sweeping all nine games in between. Reno meanwhile lost to Day and the Blue Grass State titleholder, Jim Johnson, compiling a 9 and 2 record.

Clarence Bellman of Indiana took third while throwing the best single game, 99 ringers in 116 shoes for a percentage of 85.5 against Johnson of Kentucky. This was also the longest game of the meet and Bellman also authored the longest string of consecutive ringers, 28 in all.

Art Dugle of Chicago was the early leader winning his first eight games, but dropped the last three.

Class A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Cur Day, Frankfort, Indiana	9	2	675	862	78.3
Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio	9	2	661	862	76.7
Clarence Bellman, Warsaw, Ind.	8	3	737	970	76.0
Art Dugle, Chicago	8	3	599	794	75.5
Walt "Bud" Horner, Farmersburg, Ind.	7	4	638	874	73.0
Jim Johnson, Covington, Ky.	5	6	740	968	76.4
Ed Sharp, Mulberry, Ind.	5	6	635	854	74.4
Graydon McFatrige, Rushville, Ind.	5	6	607	856	70.9
Virgil Taylor, Greencastle, Ind.	5	6	558	808	69.1
Rodney Hatton, Indianapolis, Ind.	3	8	526	780	66.7
Carl Atwell, Flora, Ind.	1	10	495	770	64.3
Harry Sibert, Dayton, Ohio	1	10	481	754	63.8

RINGER ROUND UP (Continued)*Class B*

John Stimac, Terre Haute, Ind.	8	1	441	634	69.6
John Lindemeier, Broadview, Ill.	7	2	388	594	65.3
Gerald Cummings, Sheridan, Ind.	6	3	437	694	63.0
Harold Wolfe, Cedarville, Ohio	6	3	398	640	62.2
Wilbur Kabel, New Madison, Ohio	5	4	433	664	66.2
Earl Van Natter, Kokomo, Ind.	4	5	402	656	62.2
Eugene Mendenhall, Noblesville, Ind.	3	6	366	610	60.0
Oris Harshman, Frankfort, Ind.	3	6	383	644	59.5
Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio	2	7	445	694	64.1
John Coble, Peru, Ind.	1	8	367	636	57.7

Class C

Floyd Fowler, Greencastle, Ind.	5	1	262	360	72.8
Nelson Brown, Mulberry, Ind.	4	2	241	360	66.9
Dalmar Hallack, Benton Harbor, Mich.	3	2	189	300	63.0
Kenneth Jensen, St. Joseph, Mich.	2	3	196	300	65.3
Art Sharp, Rossville, Ind.	2	3	170	300	56.7
Bob Rinard, Farmland, Ind.	0	5	150	300	50.0

Class D

Lowell Edmondson, Danville, Ind.	4	1	196	300	65.3
W. O. Maxwell, Hicksville, Ohio	3	2	189	300	63.0
Marvin Craig, Parker, Ind.	3	2	190	302	62.2
George Johnson, Sr., Indianapolis	2	3	173	300	57.7
Leroy Clewell, Canton, Ill.	2	3	174	302	57.6
Bill Dunn, Kokomo, Ind.	1	4	158	300	52.7

Class E

Truman Standard, Canton, Ill.	5	1	264	360	73.3
Frank Palka, Chicago	4	2	266	360	73.9
Earl Green, Indianapolis	3	2	178	300	59.3
Burl Taylor, Greencastle, Ind.	2	3	163	300	54.3
Stanley Manker, Martinsville, Ohio	2	3	163	300	54.3
Earl Billingsley, Lafayette, Ind.	0	5	173	300	57.7

Class F

Loren Crooks, East Fultonham, Ohio	5	0	188	300	62.7
Paul Van Sickle, Indianapolis	4	1	163	300	54.3
Charles Cummings, Sweetser, Ind.	3	2	194	300	64.7
Elvin Cast, Frankfort, Ind.	1	4	152	300	50.7
Ray Doogan, Willow Springs, Ill.	1	4	149	300	49.7
Ed Fouse, Wilmington, Ohio	1	4	138	300	46.0

OPEN TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 19-21 ON NEW COURTS AT NORWOOD, OHIO

When it was announced that the new Post Office Building would take in the area occupied for many years by our horseshoe courts, the situation looked dark indeed to our little band of loyal pitchers. However, The City of Norwood Recreation Commission saved the day by constructing twelve of the finest courts to be found anywhere. The Water Works Municipal Park was chosen as a desirable site, and the dean of local pitchers, Bill Molloy, given the green light to proceed in the capacity of architect and superintendent. The results were amazing. Briefly, the twelve new courts consist of two 120'x9' solid concrete strips, indented by 6'x6' boxes, with the center area complete black-top. A 3' chain fence surrounds the courts, and from six iron posts are suspended eight powerful floodlights providing shadowless illumination. At present, park benches are placed in convenient locations, but we understand that permanent concrete stands will come later.

At the dedication ceremonies, headed by Mayor Jos. W. Shea, Jr., and including Leo McGrath, President and S. B. Goodlander, Secretary of The Ohio Buckeye State Associa-

tion, a number of top-flight pitchers from nearby, helped by putting on an exhibition. Harold Reno, Paul Focht, Stanley Manker, Harry Sibert, Pop Johnson, Harold Wolfe, Leonard Glass, George McKinney, George Meek, William Stitt and a number of others staged an impromptu round-robin before an enthusiastic audience.

Believing that "Seeing Is Believing", an open tournament has been arranged at the new courts in Norwood at a time when the weather is still good and most of all of the other regular tournaments have been completed. The new courts are just waiting for such an event.

All pitchers throughout the mid-west and surrounding territory are cordially invited, and all who enter can be assured of pitching in the tournament Classes dependent upon their qualifying score for 100 shoes beginning on Friday, Sept. 19 until 9:00 P.M. and continues on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Hhe round-robin play will begin on Saturday evening and carry-on during Sunday, Sept. 21 until all classes are finished. There will be a nominal entry fee. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded.

ROCK RIVER VALLEY OPEN TOURNAMENT — LABOR DAY

By *LESLIE LONG*

The third annual Rock River Valley Open tournament will be held on the Lawrence Park courts midway between Sterling and Rock Falls, Illinois on Labor Day, Sept. 1. Qualifying starts at 8 A.M. closing at 12 o'clock noon, Daylight Time, with all entries pitching 100 shoes. Entry fee, \$2.00, with privilege of extra 100 shoes an payment of additional \$2.00, within 15 minutes after first 100. Tournament will be sanctioned by state and National which requires contestants to have 1958 cards. Cards will be available at courts. Four groups of 8 men will make up finals, pitching round robin series. Trophy and cash to winner of Class A. Cash prizes to all other finalists. Over \$200 is offered in prizes. Head Scorekeepers: Wilma Long and Dorthea Hinricks. Umpires: Bill Portner. Les Long: Starter.

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John Dudek of Hartford, won the Northern Counties championship by defeating Willie Paradise of Bristol in a single game playoff, 50 to 45. Both players were tied for first place in the regular round robin horseshoe tournament played at Pope Park, Hartford, Sunday, July 20. Dwight Smith of Southington came in 3rd, while Smith had the high ringer game of 76.3. Ralph Hillburn, Conn. State Champ who lost all his games, played the entire contest with an injured thumb. In the class B, first place ended with a four-way tie. It was voted that the highest ringer percentage for all games be declared the winner. Donald Donleavy of Hartford took top honors. Domenic Majewski of East Hartford swept all five games in the class C group. The top 3 men in each class were awarded trophies. Mickey Vecchitto who was in charge wishes to thank everyone for making this tournament a big success.

Class A

	W	L
J. Dudek, Hartford	4	1
W. Paradise, Bristol	4	1
D. Smith, Southington	3	2
J. Kurlick, Bristol	2	3
G. Turbie, Hartford	2	3
R. Hillburn, Meriden	0	5

Class B

D. Dunleavy, Hartford	3	2
F. Smith, Southington	3	2
D. Harrison, Manchester	3	2
R. Hoyt, E. Hartford	3	2
M. Shoppey, Forestville	2	3
H. Wrisley, Terryville	1	4

Class C

D. Majewski, E. Hartford	5	0
J. Golba, Middletown	4	1
C. Sokolowski, Middletown	3	2
J. Serkolit, Willimantic	2	3
E. Freve, Bristol	1	4
U. Andelin, Bristol	0	5

Coming Tournament Dates

- August 17 — Indiana State Tournament Qualifying at Frankfort, Muncie, Wabash and Bethel, Indiana.
- Aug. 23-24 — 5th Annual Cornbelt Open, Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa.
- August 29-30 — Iowa State tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 30 — Junior Boys' State tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 31 — Annual Nebraska State Tournament, Falls City.
- August 31 and Sept. 1 — Minnesota State Tournament (residents only) Hibbing, Minnesota.
- August 30-31 & Sept. 1 — New York State Tournament, Johnson City, New York.
- August 31 — Northern California Championship Tournament, Oakland, California.
- Sept. 1 — Rock River Valley Open, Lawrence Park, Sterling, Ill.
- Sept. 6-7 — Open Tournament, Lincoln Park courts, Chicago, Illinois
- Sept. 13-14 — Canton Fall Festival — Ledger Open tournament, Athletic Park courts, Canton, Illinois.
- Sept. 13-14 — Annual California State Championship, Santa Clara Fair, San Jose, Calif.

OKLAHOMA STATE TOURNAMENT

By *HERB ANDERSON*

The Oklahoma Sooner State Association is pleased to announce that Bartlesville, Oklahoma has been selected again as the site for the 1958 state championship. The tournament will take place in the beautiful Johnstone Park, Bartlesville, Oklahoma August 31 and September 1.

Entrants in the tournament will be placed in one of three classes to be determined by their qualifying scores. Only residents of Oklahoma who are members of the State and National will be eligible to enter.

Qualifying scores should be submitted by August 20. The entry fee will be one dollar. Ringer percentages will determine the position in the round robin matches which will begin on August 30. Total points will be used in break any ties fashioned during qualifications.

Trophies, donated by Roy Hughes Chevrolet, will be distributed and the class A winner recognized as the state champion to be recipient of the national certificate under whose rules the tournament is to be conducted. Wallace Uhlig, Tulsa, Oklahoma is the defending champ.

The Association will hold its annual meeting at the tournament. All members are urged to attend and take an active part.

FALL FESTIVAL OPEN, CANTON, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 13-14

By *Truman Standard*

The annual Canton Fall Festival — Ledger Open Tournament will be held on the Athletic park courts, Canton, Illinois, Saturday and Sunday, September 13th and 14th. There will be over \$200 in cash prizes being proportioned among 10 players in the Class A division and the six players in the Class B section. Qualifying will start at 9 A.M. on Saturday, Sept. 13th and closing at 3 P.M. C.D.S.T. Each entrant will pitch 100 shoes for placement in the semi-finals which will start Saturday evening. Class B finals will be played Saturday evening with the Class A finalists starting play on Sunday morning at 9 A.M. finishing about 3 P.M. so that all players coming from a distance will have an early start for their homes. All pitchers from throughout the middlewest and other localities are expected to be on hand for this annual "ringerama."



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NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP, PORTSMOUTH, N. H. AUGUST 30-31, SEPTEMBER 1

By Howard White

All persons must reside in New England and have NHPA cards as the tournament will be sanctioned. Cards will be available at the courts located at Alumni Field, South playgrounds, New Hampshire. All entrants must pitch 100 shoes using best 50 for high score. Top 15 qualifiers together with champion Landry will compete in Class A championship. In case of ties highest ringer percentage in qualifying score will determine finalist. Entry fee is \$5.00 for Class A and \$3.00 for Class B-C-D.

Only 16 players can enter finals. Nos. 1-16 in Class A and 17-24 in Class B and 25-32 in Class C. All others will be in Class D. Round robin and 50 point cancellation system will be used. All ties will be decided by total points for prize money position, except first place which will be played off. Qualifying will start at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, August 30 and continue until Sunday, August 31 at 11:00 A.M. SHARP. Players must be registered, warmed up and ready to qualify before 11:00 A.M. on Sunday. Scorekeeper must reside in a state other than that of qualifier. Class B and C, 8-man round robins will start promptly at 11:30 A.M. or as soon as qualifying is completed. The 16-man Class A championship will start at 5:00 P.M. Sunday and play 6 games. The 9 concluding games will be played off on Labor Day, starting at 12:00 noon. Class D will be played off on Labor Day starting at 9:00 A.M. sharp. There will be floodlights for night pitching and bleachers set up for spectators. Mr. West will be at the P.A. microphone. NHPA rules will govern this tournament. Rain date will be the following weekend.

Class A — All players will receive cash prizes. Total prize money will be \$200. Champion will receive \$35.00 and plaque. Class B-C-D will have trophies to each class. In addition the class winners will receive championship certificates from the National association.

PORTSMOUTH JUBILEE OPEN, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Class A

	W	L	%
Howard White, Portsmouth, N. H.	8	1	60.9
Al Bourgeois, Esmond, R. I.	8	1	65.9
Joe Comeau, Lynn, Mass.	7	2	60.6
Charles Gerrish, Kittery Pt., Maine	6	3	59.0
Porter Clark, Auburn, Maine	6	3	53.7
Williee Paradis, Bristol, Conn.	4	5	55.3
Amos Whitaker, Orange, Mass.	3	6	53.0
Ralph Dow, Canaan, N. H.	1	8	46.1
Clyde Robinson, Derry, N. H.	1	8	44.6
Melvin Merritt, Orange, Mass.	1	8	47.5

Class B

Hank Stowell, New Bedford, Mass.	7	0	40.3
Eddie Paquin, Pelham, N. H.	6	1	45.0
Arthur Fernald, Portsmouth, N. H.	5	2	38.4
Charles Richardson, Orange, Mass.	4	3	31.0
Joe Auge, Coventry, R. I.	3	4	31.1
Harold Wristley, Terryville, Conn.	2	5	32.8
Ralph Barnes, Orange, Mass.	1	6	23.9
Clarence Gill, Bridgewater, Mass.	0	7	25.8

Class C

Normand Durand, Hudson, N. H.	4	1	29.8
Frank Smith, Amesbury, Mass.	3	2	26.7
Eddie Freve, Terryville, Conn.	3	2	23.9
Jerry Lee, Amesbury, Mass.	3	2	26.2
Dick Rutherford, Portsmouth, N. H.	2	3	16.4
Ray Thurber, Portsmouth, N. H.	0	5	12.5

H. RENO DEFEATS A. DUGLE TO WIN LAKESIDE, OHIO OPEN

By Paul Focht

Sharpshooting Harold Reno of Sabina, Ohio subdued Art Dugle of Chicago, Illinois in a play-off series to capture the Lakeside, Ohio Open Tournament held on the Lakeside courts on the shores of beautiful Lake Erie on June 27 and 2. Both men pitched superb horseshoes in the tournament itself and also in the pitch-off. Reno averaging 77.6 and Dugle having a 78.6 average.

This was the fifth year for the Lakeside meet. Each year we have been given a real welcome from the Lakeside Recreation Department, Director Bob Thompson and Dr. H. J. Thompson, General Manager of Lakeside's Activities. All who have attended this one day tournament played on the shady courts along Lake Erie, have gone home with a feeling of having had a real enjoyable time. Entries this year totaled 46. Our State association wishes to thank the Lakeside association for the wonderful tournament and personal help to make this a memorable yearly event. Following are the results.

Class A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio	8	1	520	670	77.6
Arthur Dugle, Chicago, Illinois	8	1	519	660	78.6
Dale Carson, Baltimore, Maryland	7	2	436	644	67.7
Harrison Maitlen, Berne, Indiana	5	4	447	614	72.8
James Johnson, Covington, Kentucky	5	4	516	722	71.4
Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio	5	4	449	634	70.8
Harry Sibert, Union Ohio	3	6	459	684	67.1
Wilbur Kabel, New Madison, Ohio	2	7	350	586	59.7
Harold Wolfe, Cedarville, Ohio	1	8	431	668	64.5
Marvin Craig, Parker, Indiana	1	8	355	606	58.5

Class B

Ken Jensen, St. Joseph, Michigan	5	0	201	324	62.0
W. O. Maxwell, Hicksville, Ohio	3	2	220	366	60.1
Glenn Riffle, Dayton, Ohio	3	2	218	340	64.1
John Fulton, Carlisle, Pennsylvania	2	3	179	312	57.3
William Packard, Macedon, New York	1	4	178	330	53.9
Joe Kelly, Highland Park, Michigan	1	4	156	308	50.6

Class C

Alex Clark, Garden City, Michigan	5	0	159	284	55.9
Bob Pence, Gary, Indiana	3	2	202	352	57.3
Melvin Kalb, Bucyrus, Ohio	3	2	167	328	50.9
Marvin Broughton, Dayton, Ohio	2	3	170	310	54.8
Carl Lundgren, Detroit, Michigan	2	3	173	344	50.2
Lee Jacobs, Belleville, Michigan	0	5	138	306	45.1

FILECCIA WINS TOP HONORS IN ROSELET MEMORIAL MEET

Vito Fileccia, Empire state pitcher, emerged the victor in the 11th Annual John Resselet Memorial Tournament, staged on the Warinanco Park courts in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Sunday, June 22. His fellow townsman, Joe Zichella, was runner-up. Willie Paradis, recent winner of the Connecticut closed tournament, swept through class B without a loss. Class C was won by John Werle after a play-off for first place with Frank Hoodiman.

Class A

	W	L
Vito Fileccia, New York City	5	0
Joseph Zichella, New York City	4	1
John Fulton, Carlisle, Pa.	3	2
Sol Berman, Elizabeth, N. J.	2	3
William Kolb, Belleville, N. J.	1	4
Le Davis, Ridgfield, N. J.	0	5

Class B

William Paradis, Bristol, Conn.	5	0
Dean Mayes, Pine Grove, Pa.	4	1
Robert Schwindel, Jersey City, N. J.	3	2
John Hawelik, Elizabeth, N. J.	2	3
Paul Pugliese, Clifton, N. J.	1	4
Frank Wagner, Darien, Conn.	0	5

Class C

John Werle, East Meadow, L. I., N. Y.	4	1
Frank Hoodiman, Clifton, N. J.	4	1
Adolph Szurley, Elizabeth, N. J.	3	2
George Spittler, Old Westbury, L. I., N. Y.	3	2
Stephen Lacko, Belmar, N. J.	1	4
Charles Smolen, Elizabeth, N. J.	0	5

UNION COUNTY (NEW JERSEY) OPEN TOURNAMENT

The Union County Open tournament was held at the Warinanco Park courts in Elizabeth, New Jersey on Sunday, June 8. Joe Zichella, the fellow who made such a good showing in the 1957 National tourney at Murray, Utah, turned in a perfect count of 5 wins and no losses to take top honors in the Union County event. Robert Schwendal was first in class B while in the Class C division Steve Toth got the best of his opponents with a perfect day at bat, with 5 wins and no losses. The tournament was sponsored by the Union Park Commission.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL NEWS

The New Hampshire Horseshoe Pitcher's Association started off their 1958 season with a Portsmouth Jubilee Open Horseshoe Championship. This Tournament was in connection with Portsmouth Jubilee Week, an annual week long celebration comprising many events and billed as New Hampshire's largest celebration. Howard White of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, State Champ out lasted a tough field and losing only to Al Bourgeois, Rhode Island Champ in the regular round robin. In the play-off, White edged Bourgeois 50-33. As a classy field of horseshoe pitchers representing five New England States took part in the tourney play at Alumni Field courts.

One of the most interesting games saw Porter Clark 1955-'56 Maine Champ squeeze by Charley Gerrish, present Maine Champ with a score of 50-49. It had a very thrilling finish after Gerrish led 42-24 . . . Top game of the day was pitched by Bourgeois as he hit 78.5% in dropping Ralph Dow 50-11 . . . Al Bourgeois' only loss in the 10-Man round robin was to the ever popular Bay Stater, Joe Comeau . . . Hank Stowell of New first prize in Class B. Eddie Paquin of Pelham & Art Fernald of Portsmouth took home 2nd and 3rd place trophies . . . Joe Auge, 17 year old Rhode Island Junior Champion was the Bedford, Massachusetts had a perfect day as he steam rolled over all opposition to annex youngest man in Class B.

The Class C winner was Normand Durand of Hudson, New Hampshire with his reverse $\frac{3}{4}$ turn. His only loss was to Ed Freve of Terryville, Connecticut who finished third. Frank Smith and Jerry Lee of Amesbury, Massachusetts are two outstanding young pitchers. Lee was the youngest participant being only 15 years old. He was awarded a trophy for a 3-tie for second place which placed him fourth by total points.

To Mr. West and Mr. Bowman in recognition of their faithful service and hard work to the horseshoe game, the New Hampshire Association awarded them both honorary memberships in the New Hampshire division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Thanks are due to Percy D. Howe, Sec. of the Franklin County Horseshoe League of Orange, Mass., who brought down some of the leagues top pitchers and kept score during the entire tournament. At the conclusion of Jubilee Week, Saturday, July 5th, Leon (Speedy) West and Howard White was guests on the Norm Landry Sports show, a 15-minute local radio program at W.H.E.B., Portsmouth. The New Hampshire State Association is indeed lucky to have a man of Mr. West's caliber. Mr. West has generously donated a \$35.00 4-speed Portable record player & two trophies for the New England Championship.



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